

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Sweet Sweet Kitchen, LLC :
t/a Sweet Sweet Kitchen :
500 H Street NE : Roll Call
Retailer CT - ANC 6C : Hearing
License No. 121816 :
Case #22-PRO-000105 :
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(New Application) :
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Monday
November 21st, 2022

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher,
Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF JACKSON, Applicant Counsel

GRAHAM GROSSMAN, Protestant

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:05 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.

4 Thank you for attending ABRA's roll call hearings
5 via the Webex platform provided by the DC Office
6 on Open Government. My name is Laverne Fletcher.
7 I'll be conducting the roll call hearings as the
8 Board's agent.

9 There are two cases on the calendar
10 today. The first one is Sweet Sweet Kitchen.
11 The Case Number is 22-PRO-000105, 500 H Street
12 NE, License Number ABRA 121816. This is a
13 Retailer Class CT new application. The protest
14 issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and
15 quiet, residential parking, and vehicular and
16 pedestrian safety, and real property values.

17 My name is Laverne Fletcher conducting
18 the role call hearing as the Board's agent. Is
19 anyone present on behalf of the establishment?

20 MR. JACKSON: Yes. Jeff Jackson
21 representing the applicant.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr.
23 Jackson, would you spell your name for the court
24 reporter, please?

25 MR. JACKSON: Yes. First name is J-E-

1 F-F, last name J-A-C-K-S-O-N.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Is anyone
3 present on behalf of ANC 6C?

4 (No response.)

5 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
6 behalf of ANC 6C?

7 (No response.)

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Jackson, we
9 allow at least 10 minutes for all parties to show
10 up, and so I'm going to call the next case and
11 come back to this one in a couple of minutes.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13 was paused at 10:07 a.m. and resumed at 10:11
14 a.m.)

15 MS. FLETCHER: We're going back to
16 Sweet Sweet Kitchen and asking if there's anyone
17 present on behalf of ANC 6C?

18 MR. GROSSMAN: (Mic muted.)

19 MS. FLETCHER: So Mr. Grossman, I see
20 you but you're muted.

21 (Pause.)

22 MS. FLETCHER: So Mr. Jackson, can you
23 tell on your end that Mr. Grossman is present?

24 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. I'm present here,
25 yes.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

2 MR. GROSSMAN: I apologize.

3 MS. FLETCHER: No problem. Mr.
4 Grossman, you're present on behalf of ANC 6C

5 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Would you
7 please spell your name for the record?

8 MR. GROSSMAN: Graham, G-R-A-H-A-M,
9 last name Grossman, G-R-O-S-S-M-A-N.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

11 MR. GROSSMAN: Of course.

12 MS. FLETCHER: ANC 6C does have
13 standing as a protestant. We need to set a date
14 for mediation, status hearing, and a protest
15 hearing. I'll give you the date for the status
16 and protest hearing first. The status hearing is
17 set for December 14 -- December 14 at 10:30 a.m.
18 for the status hearing. The protest hearing is
19 set for January 25, 2023.

20 MR. GROSSMAN: (inaudible)

21 MS. FLETCHER: Somebody say --

22 MR. GROSSMAN: That date is probably
23 going to have to change, right? I don't think
24 anybody's going to protest on Christmas or attend
25 on Christmas.

1 MS. FLETCHER: So what happens, these
2 are the dates that are available. If anybody
3 needs to be scheduled, you can let the Board
4 know. These are the dates that we're provided to
5 me, and so I did not set the dates. So these are
6 the dates that I'm going to give to you, and if
7 somebody needs to reschedule, you can just let us
8 know.

9 The date for the protest hearing is
10 January 25, 2023 at 1:30. We need to set a date
11 for mediation. There are some dates available
12 next week which you may or may not want because
13 it's the Thanksgiving holiday. Is anybody
14 interested in coming next week?

15 (No audible response.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: No? Okay.

17 MR. GROSSMAN: Sorry. I'm having --

18 MR. JACKSON: Which date?

19 MR. GROSSMAN: -- some internet
20 connectivity issues, so I might have missed some
21 of that but I'm thinking we're going to resolve
22 the issues today with Mr. Jackson and his
23 establishment, I think.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Well, would you like to
25 -- if there is going to be a mediation, would you

1 be available next week, or should we move to
2 December?

3 MR. GROSSMAN: We should move to the
4 first week in December if possible.

5 MS. FLETCHER: The first week in
6 December, Thursday, December 1 is available.

7 MR. GROSSMAN: That works for me.

8 MS. FLETCHER: That work for you, too,
9 Mr. Jackson?

10 MR. JACKSON: Yes, ma'am.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thursday, December 1,
12 anytime between 10:00 and 1:30. Let's see, if
13 you don't have a preference, what about 10:00?

14 MR. JACKSON: That's fine with me.

15 MS. FLETCHER: That good with you, Mr.
16 Grossman, as well, December 1 at 10:00? Is that
17 good with you?

18 MR. GROSSMAN: (No audible response.)

19 (Background noise.)

20 MS. FLETCHER: Sorry. There's someone
21 -- I'll be right there.

22 MR. GROSSMAN: If you can hear me,
23 that works.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
25 Sorry to be disrupted but someone has appeared in

1 person. I'll take care of that in a moment.
2 Okay. So mediation is set for December 1 at
3 10:00. If it's resolved, you will -- we'll
4 cancel the mediation.

5 Okay. Any questions, anybody? Well,
6 thank you for coming. See you on December 1.

7 MR. JACKSON: Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Welcome.

9 MR. JACKSON: Happy Holidays.

10 MR. GROSSMAN: Happy Holidays.

11 MR. JACKSON: J

12 MS. FLETCHER: Happy Holiday to you,
13 too. Thank you. Same to you, Mr. Grossman.

14 MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, at 10:16 a.m., the above-
16 entitled matter was adjourned.)

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